

## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **Governor's Appointments Approved by Senate Committee**

**Topeka** – The Kansas Senate Confirmation Committee approved today Governor Sam Brownback's most recent appointments. The committee's action authorizes the appointees who serve on boards or commissions to be voting members. They must be approved by the full Kansas Senate when the legislature reconvenes in January.

"I appreciate the hard work each person brings to each board and commission," Governor Brownback said. "After being confirmed by the full Senate, they will work to continue to make Kansas great."

The governor's office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

## **Kansas National Guard**

The Kansas National Guard consists of the Kansas Army National Guard and the Kansas Air National Guard and is administered by the Kansas Adjutant General's Office. Approximately 7,500 Guardsmen currently serve the state of Kansas.

- Colonel Scott Dold, Lawrence, is being promoted by the Governor to Brigadier General with the Kansas National Guard. He joined the Marines in 1983, after graduating with a degree in Political Science and History from the University of Kansas. Upon graduating from KU Law in 1990, Dold joined the Air Force and served as a judge advocate. Colonel Dold is now a member of the Kansas Air National Guard, and currently serves as the Adjutant General's Chief of Staff.

## **Kansas Employment Security Board of Review**

An employer or claimant has the right to appeal a determination approving or denying a benefit claim. An appeal judge's decision may be appealed to the Kansas Employment Security Board of Review. The board does not conduct a hearing, but decides the matter solely on the record made at the appeal hearing before the Kansas Department of Labor's appeal judge. No new evidence may be introduced; however, the board may send the case back to a special hearing officer to obtain further evidence.

- Lori MacDonald, Lawrence, is being appointed to the Employment Security Board of Review; the appointment would be a four-year term. Lori is currently the Director of Operations and Human Resource Management at Martin-Smith Personnel Services, where she has worked since 1995.

### **Kansas Human Rights Commission**

The mission of the Kansas Human Rights Commission is to prevent and eliminate discrimination and assure equal opportunities in all employment relations, to eliminate profiling in conjunction with traffic stops, to eliminate and prevent discrimination, segregation or separation, and assure equal opportunities in all places of public accommodations and in housing. The six member board is appointed by the governor.

- Melvin Neufeld, Garden City, is being re-appointed to the Human Rights Commission for a four-year term. He is a former speaker of the Kansas House of Representatives. Melvin was first elected to serve in the Kansas House in 1985.

### **Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission**

The Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission is the agency empowered by the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act and Pari-mutuel Racing Act to regulate expanded gaming and pari-mutuel racing in Kansas. It is made up of a board of 5 commissioners who serve four-year terms. They meet monthly to conduct regulatory business for gaming in Kansas.

- David Moses, Wichita, is being appointed to the Racing and Gaming Commission for a four-year term. He is currently a partner at Case, Moses, Zimmerman & Martin, P.A. and has previously worked in the Sedgwick County District Attorney's office. Moses also has served as a Pro Tem Hearing Examiner/Administrative Law Judge for the Kansas Human Rights Commission.

### **Kansas State Board of Indigent Defense Services**

The statutory mission of the State Board of Indigents' Defense Services is to provide, supervise and coordinate, in the most efficient and economical manner possible, the constitutionally and statutorily required counsel and related service for each indigent person accused of a felony and for such other indigent persons as prescribed by law. The nine member board is appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. Members are appointed for terms of three years each. In addition, per statute, the board shall consist of not more than five members who are lawyers registered with the Kansas Supreme Court, at least one lawyer member from each county in the state having a population in excess of 100,000 and at least one member from each congressional district except that two members shall be from the first congressional district.

- Samantha Angell, Salina, is being appointed to the State Board of Indigent Defense Services for a three-year term. She graduated from Washburn University's School of Law and is a partner at Achterberg & Angell law firm in Salina. Samantha is a member of the Salina City Commission and served as mayor in 2011.

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